

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits of this patent application. By this paper, claim 1 is amended to recite, *inter alia*, "a light amount adjustment stop is placed closer to the object side than said magnification hanging optical unit." Also, claims 4 and 5 have been represented in independent form as new claims 16 and 24, incorporating all of the features of claims 3 and 13 (from which both claims 4 and 5 depended). Accordingly, claims 3, 4, 5 and 13 have been cancelled. Further, pending claims 6-11 (which had dependent from now cancelled claim 13) have been cancelled and represented as claims 17-22 and 25-30. Pending claim 12 (which had been multiply dependent from claims 1-10) has been amended to depend only from claim 1, and also been represented as new claims 23 and 31 (dependent from new claims 16 and 24). Claim 14 (which depended from now cancelled claim 13) also has been cancelled. Finally, claim 15 has been amended to depend from new claim 16. Support for these amendments is found throughout the originally filed application. Accordingly, no new matter will be added to this application by entry of these amendments.

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This application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-4806.

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